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KOREAN PRESS PROMINENTLY FRONTPAGED REMARKS OF "HIGH-RANKING
DOS OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF EAST ASIAN AFFAIRS", AS FOLLOWS:
IN ORDER TO EASE TENSION, US HAS MADE CONSISTENT EFFORTS
TOWARDS PRC, USSR AND JAPAN, AND THESE POWERS HAVE COME TO
CLOSE AGREEMENT WITH US THAT NEW HOSTILITIES ON KOREAN
PENINSULA MUST BE AVOIDED. HOWEVER, NORTH KOREA HAS CON-
SISTENTLY OPPOSED SUCH EFFORTS, AND NORTH KOREAN POSITION
IS LARGEST OBSTACLE TO EASING TENSION. DOS OFFICIAL NOTED
SIX-PARTY NEGOTIATIONS ON KOREAN ISSUE WAS STILL VALID
PROPOSAL. DURING MAY TRIP TO PEKING, DR. BRZEZINSKI DISCUSSED
WITH PRC LEADERS KOREAN PENINSULA ISSUE ON BASIS OF PRM-10
AND PD-18. US MADE CLEAR THAT ITS SECURITY COMMITMENT TO
KOREA WAS FIRM AND US DIALOGUE WITH NORTH KOREA WITHOUT FULL
PARTICIPATION OF ROK WAS OUT OF THE QUESTION. DOS OFFICIAL
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